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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

Medical Representation in Parliament.

AT the Annual Representative Meeting last month a resolution was adopted to the effect that the time had arrived when the medical profession should be more fully represented in Parliament, and that financial aid should be provided when necessary for candidates approved by the British Medical Association.

The Council was instructed to take such action as might best conduce to the attainment of this object, and it at once appointed a Parliamentary Elections Committee, which met on August 7th, when Mr. Bishop Harman was in the chair. The Committee resolved that a fund for the support of the parliamentary candidature of medical men should be established to ensure the presentation in Parliament of expert medical opinion, and to secure a larger representation of the medical profession in Parliament. It was also resolved to issue a circular to Divisions requesting them: (1) To call a meeting of their executives to discuss the question of the inauguration of the fund, and subsequently to circularize the members of the profession in the area, asking for their support; and (2) to state how far they consider the local profession would be prepared to subscribe annually (over and above any donation to the fund at its inauguration) towards the support, after election, of any approved medical member of Parliament who required it, and for the promotion of the general objects of the fund.

The Committee also considered the matter of securing medical candidates for university seats. It had before it two motions—one proposed by Ashton-under-Lyne to the effect that the Association should take steps to improve the medico-political education of the profession with a view to securing the medical vote for medical candidates for university seats in Parliament, and another from Birmingham asking the Council to endeavour to secure that medical men should be chosen as candidates for university seats. The Committee determined to make certain inquiries under this head.

The Committee consists of: Sir Thomas Barlow (London), Lieut.-Colonel R. A. Bolam (Newcastle-on-Tyne), Dr. H. B. Brackenbury (London), Major W. McAdam Eccles (London), Major A. C. Farquharson (York), Sir Thomas Flitcroft (Bolton), Major E. Rowland Fothergill (Liverpool), Dr. Adam Fulton (Old Basford, Nottingham), Major W. Greer (Newport, Mon.), Mr. N. Bishop Harman (London), Dr. R. A. Lundie (Edinburgh), and Dr. Christine Murrell representing the Medical Women's Federation.

The Luxury Tax.

Brief reference was made last week to the report of the Luxury Duty Committee, and it was then pointed out that the committee proposed that medical, surgical, and dental requirements and appliances and scientific instruments and apparatus should be exempted. It may be noted further that under Schedule A (articles to be treated as subject to duty whatever the price paid), motor cars appear, but a motor car bought by a medical practitioner to be used by him for the purposes of his profession is exempted, as are also cars not liable to the full licence duty or not liable to the full duty on motor spirit which they use. Among the articles in Schedule B (2) which are subject to duty if the price paid exceeds the specified amounts, are boots and shoes, and we anticipate that a great deal of opposition will be raised to the limit of price. In present conditions for a man to pay £2 for his boots is by no means excessive, and cheaper boots, which are not, perhaps, in the beginning watertight and soon wear out, are not economical either from the point of view of prime cost or of health. Again, the limit of 18s. on all wool underclothing is too low, and if enforced must have an injurious effect on the health of delicate persons of both sexes. The absurdities into which the framers of sumptuary laws may fall is illustrated by the proposal to fix the upper limit of the price for a fountain pen at 10s. 6d. The incompetence of the committee is further shown by its failure to express a definite opinion as to whether the duty should be paid on the total price or only upon the excess over the maximum in the tables. A luxury duty has been in force in France for some time and is universally condemned as having proved a serious impediment to trade, while bringing in only a small proportion of the estimated revenue.

The Use of Motor Cars for Travelling to and from a Holiday Resort.

ON August 8th representations were made to the Petrol Control Department asking that medical practitioners should be given a permit to use their motor cars to travel to and from a holiday resort, in the same way that motor-cyclists engaged on munition work are given permits to enable them to use their machines for such purposes. It was not suggested that any extra allowance of petrol should be granted, but simply that if a doctor could, out of the quantity allowed to him, manage to provide for a journey to and from the holiday resort he should have a permit to travel by motor car. The Petrol Control Department has declined to make any exception in favour of medical practitioners, and has equally refused a similar application made by the Automobile Association on behalf of car owners generally. The concession to munition workers has been made, the Controller states, in view of the exceptional difficulties of travel in and from congested munition areas.

Association Notices.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—Dr. James Don, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer (1, Grove Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne), gives notice that the annual meeting of the Branch will be held at the Medical Committee Rooms, 23, Ridley Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Thursday, August 29th, at 3.30 p.m.

SURREY BRANCH.—Mr. Cecil G. Lankester, Honorary Secretary (1, Rectory Place, Guildford), gives notice that the annual meeting of the Branch will be held in the Library of the Association, 429, Strand, London, W.C., on Wednesday, August 28th, at 3 p.m.

THE RIGHT OF APPEAL.

AT a conjoined meeting of the Executives of the Edinburgh and Leith Division of the British Medical Association, and of the Scottish Medical Guild, on July 23rd, it was agreed to address certain questions to the Ministry of National Service. The questions were summarized in the following:

In the event of a medical man having been granted exemption from ordinary military service on occupational grounds, and called upon to undertake either military or civil work, and he has objections to the work he has been called upon to undertake, will he have the right to appeal to the medical tribunal?

The following reply was received from Sir James Galloway, Chief Commissioner for Medical Services, Ministry of National Service:

I am to state that the answer to this question is a modified affirmative. A practitioner in such circumstances has no legal right to a hearing by the medical tribunal as such, but both the Central Professional Committees have arranged that in such circumstances they will extend to the practitioner the privilege of a hearing, at which his objections to the particular form of service allotted to him would receive every consideration, should he desire to make his representations in person.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments are announced by the Admiralty: Fleet Surgeon H. C. Whiteside to R.N. College, Osborne. Temporary Surgeons: H. L. Doug'as to the *Inflexible*, H. Wilks to the *Odin*, S. Welham to the *Powerful*, A. C. V. Green to the *Temeraire*, J. C. Sleigh, W. Whitfield, and A. Patton to Haslar Hospital, J. F. M. Campbell to the *Bellerophon*, J. McR. S. Nichol to the *Diamond*, G. S. Mitchell to the *Iron Duke*.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.
Surgeon Probationer R. S. Allison to the *Acorn*.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Temporary Colonel Sir Charles A. Ballance, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.V.O. (Captain R.A.M.C., T.F.), relinquishes his temporary commission on reposting, and is granted the honorary rank of Colonel.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Temporary Major E. A. Chartres to be acting Lieut.-Colonel while in command of a medical unit.

Temporary Major A. W. Nuthall (Captain R.A.M.C., T.F.), relinquishes his temporary commission on reposting.

To be temporary Majors: H. E. Durham (whilst specially employed), T. W. Shaw.

The name of temporary Captain Alan Cowan Mann is now as described, and not as in the *London Gazette* of August 18th, 1914, and September 6th, 1915.

Late temporary Captains granted the honorary rank of Captain: T. MacHardy, H. W. Ward, L. M. Davies.

The notifications regarding the following officers in the *London Gazette* of the dates stated are cancelled: Temporary Captains I. W. Magill (June 4th), P. A. Doyle (July 1st), C. S. Gideon (July 4th), R. C. Muir (July 22nd), temporary Lieutenant W. B. Clarke (July 3rd).

To be temporary Captains: A. M. Ross, W. Edgecombe, E. F. Buckler, J. McI. Falkiner, J. B. O. Richards (late Captain Devon Regiment), honorary Captain M. R. MacKay, D. Cotterill, G. Birch, honorary Captain V. M. Fisher, O. G. Morgan, J. A. Hadfield, R. L. Moorhead (late Surgeon-Captain Yeomanry T.F.), temporary Lieutenant R. J. Attridge.

Temporary honorary Lieutenants to be temporary honorary Captains: J. F. Harvey, J. V. Ricci.

Officers relinquish their commissions: Temporary Major S. R. Scott. Temporary Captains G. M. de Vine and D. S. Page (on account of ill health, and are granted the honorary rank of Captain), H. J. Norman (on ceasing to be employed at the Middlesex War Hospital), J. M. D. Mitchell (on account of ill health caused by wounds received in action; substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, June 13th), R. H. Dix and R. P. Kennedy (on account of ill health contracted on active service, and are granted the honorary rank of Captain), A. M. Cowie, A. McP. Warner, A. Paterson, W. C. Mayo. Temporary Lieutenants R. J. Archibald and W. M. Hume (on account of ill health, and are granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant), G. S. Ewen.

To be temporary Lieutenants: A. C. Brown, W. N. Leak, C. J. L. Palmer, C. V. Macnamara, R. Price, J. Butterworth, J. Paxton, E. H. Milson, O. H. Woodcock, P. C. MacRobert, J. Clarke, J. Good, Z. M. H. Ross, T. S. Macaulay, J. M. Reid, G. H. Dunn, J. C. Carr, J. McF. Fellows, G. Smith, H. S. Roberts, C. M. Smith, W. G. MacArthur, V. D. Pennefather, I. Clarke, L. P. McK. Gardner, N. B. Benjafield, A. G. L. Smith, R. M. Rendall, J. McClellan, B. D. Merrin, J. L. Phibbs, J. A. Aitken, B. Blacklock, A. P. Mitchell, R. Clark, G. H. Dart, O. Marriott, S. McClure, J. C. Warwick, G. B. Woodroffe, A. E. Hodgkins, H. P. Fairlie, R. W. Gilmour.

To be temporary honorary Lieutenant: S. A. Moor.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Granted temporary commissions:—As Captain: H. L. H. Greer (late Captain R.A.M.C.). As Lieutenants: N. Homewood, R. G. J. McCullagh, S. A. Nield-Faulkner, P. C. Parr, N. Rumboll.

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain M. W. H. Miles relinquishes his commission on account of ill hea'th, and is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant.

To be Lieutenants: M. Jackson and G. P. W. Staunton, from University of London Contingent O.T.C.; D. O. Macdonald.

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CANADIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Temporary Majors to be temporary Lieut.-Colonels: C. A. Young, F. A. Young.

Temporary Major N. V. Leslie to be acting Lieut.-Colonel.

Temporary Major F. H. Mackay to be acting Lieut-Colonel while specially employed.

Temporary Captains to be temporary Majors: C. G. Imrie, F. A. StJohn. While specially employed: C. E. Anderson, E. L. Pope.

Temporary Captain H. G. Wood to be acting Major.

SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL CORPS.

Temporary Captain J. T. McAuslin relinquishes his commission.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

Major E. J. Maclean to be acting Lieut.-Colonel whilst specially employed.

Major A. F. Fergus relinquishes his commission on account of ill health, and is granted the honorary rank of Major.

Captain (acting Major) L. Milton relinquishes his acting rank on ceasing to be specially employed.

Captain W. C. Hodges to be acting Major whilst specially employed.

Captain G. M. A. Thomas relinquishes his commission on account of ill health, and is granted the honorary rank of Captain, December 1st, 1917 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette* of November 30th, 1917).

Captain W. A. Phillipps relinquishes his commission on account of ill health, and is granted the honorary rank of Captain.

Lieutenant J. Jackson to be Captain.

Attached to Units Other than Medical Units.—Captain J. D. Wells to be a Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services and to be acting Major whilst so employed.

TERRITORIAL FORCE RESERVE.

Major W. H. Pritchard, from R.A.M.C., to be Major.

VOLUNTEER FORCE.

Lancashire R.A.M.C.—Temp. Lieutenant J. Brown resigns his commission.

County of London R.A.M.C.—To be temp. Captains: E. A. Chill, H. J. Hillstead, J. Kennish, J. B. Wallace, C. T. Quiller.

Gloucester Regt., 6th (Bristol) Vol. Batt.—Medical Officer and temp. Captain L. R. M. O'Ferrall resigns his commission.

APPOINTMENTS.

DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICERS.—W. P. H. Munden, M.D. (Chard Union). J. R. Sinton, M.B., B.Ch. (Stourbridge Union).

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is **6s.**, *which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Wednesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.*

MARRIAGE.

HERDMAN—ARMSTRONG.—On July 31st, 1918, at St. James's Church, Paddington, by the Rev. E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Major Harry Phipps Herdman, Welsh Regiment, to Janet Armstrong, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., 174, Cathedral Road, Cardiff.

DEATHS.

ALMOND.—Killed in action, August 9th, George Hely-Hutchinson Almond, Captain R.A.M.C., M.A., M.B., B.Ch.Oxon., aged 41, eldest son of the late Hely-Hutchinson Almond, Head Master of Loretto, and of Mrs. Almond, and dearly loved husband of Violet Almond, 6, Brock Street, Bath.

GLASCOTT.—On August 14th, at Rosemullion, Budleigh Salterton, after a very short illness, Charles Edward Glascott, M.D., F.R.C.S., late of Manchester.

WESTON.—On August 12th, after many years' illness, in Devonshire, Arthur Ernest Weston, L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., aged 47.

DIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.		Meetings to be Held.
		AUGUST.
28	Wed.	Surrey Branch, Annual Meeting, 429, Strand, London, W.C.
29	Thur.	North of England Branch, Annual Meeting, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 3.30 p.m.

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